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SUBJECT: VIETNAMESE REFUGEES FROM SINGAPORE

REF: A. SINGAPORE 1990

- B. STATE 109684
- C. STATE 109714
- D. JCS 130124Z MAY 75

1. IT WOULD APPEAR FROM CAREFUL READING OF REFTELS THAT WASHINGTON AUTHORITIES HAVE NOT RPT NOT YET PROVIDED ADEQUATE GUIDANCE FOR DEALING WITH QUESTION OF VIETNAMESE REFUGEES HEADING FROM SINGAPORE TO SUBIC. FROM REF A, WE GATHER THAT NEARLY 3,000 ARE CURRENTLY ENROUTE AND UP TO 1200 MORE MAY BE EXPECTED. SINGAPORE MESSAGES SEEM CLEARLY TO INDICATE THAT DESTINATION OF VESSELS CARRYING THESE REFUGEES IS U.S. NAVAL FACILITY AT SUBIC.

2. REF B, ON OTHER HAND, SEEMS TO ASSUME THAT REFUGEES WILL COME TO PORT UNDER GOP CONTROL AND ASKED THIS
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EMBASSY TO MAKE CERTAIN REPRESENTATIONS TO GOP, IN

CONNECTION WITH UNHCR SCREENING, ETC. THIS INSTRUCTION WOULD HAVE RELEVANCE ONLY IF WE ARE INSTRUCTED SPECIFICALLY TO TURN THESE VESSELS AWAY FROM ENTRY INTO SUBIC AND DIRECT THEM INTO MANILA.

3. REF D INSTRUCTS US NAVY TO BOARD THOSE VESSELS TO WHICH US INTENDS EXERCISE RESIDUAL CLAIM IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS, ASSERT TITLE AND DISPLAY US FLAG. THIS INSTRUCTION WOULD SEEM TO BE PRELUDE TO ENTRY OF THESE VESSELS INTO SUBIC, AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH PAST PRECEDENTS, ENTRY OF REFUGEES INTO GUAM PIPELINE. IT WOULD APPEAR, THEREFORE, TO BE AT ODDS WITH LOGIC OF PRESUMPTIONS UNDERLYING REF B.

4. GIVEN FACT 3400 REFUGEES FROM SINGAPORE SEEM DESTINED DIRECTLY TO GUAM, GIVEN EARLIER PRECEDENTS OF HANDLING VIETNAMESE REFUGEES IN SUBIC WHO ARRIVED UNDER OWN STEAM, AND GIVEN US INTENTION SAIL SOME OF THESE REFUGEES INTO SUBIC UNDER US FLAG, THERE SEEMS NO RPT NO LOGICAL ALTERNATIVE EXCEPT TO PROCESS THESE REFUGEES THROUGH THE GUAM PIPELINE.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE PROVIDE IMMEDIATE CLARIFICATION OF AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT ALL RPT ALL REFUGEES FROM SINGAPORE ARRIVING AT SUBIC INTO GUAM PIPELINE.

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